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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BILASPUR**

**Writ Petition No.** 3634 **/2003**

**PETITIONER** : **Smt. Asha Lata Jhajja,**
**Aged about years,**
**W/o Shri Rajendra Singh Jhajja,**
**Occupation- Advocacy,**
**R/o Dalpat Sagar Ward,**
**Near Anupama Talkies,**
**Jagdalpur (Baster) (C.G.)**

P. R. No. 3445/03
Presented by Shri Bhajau Thakeesanlal
dated 04.11.03

**- Versus –**

**RESPONDENTS** :
1. **State of Chhattisgarh,**
**Through Secretary, Law and**
**Legislative Affairs Department,**
**Mantralaya, D.K.S.Bhawan,**
**Raipur (C.G.)**
2. **The Deputy Secretary,**
**Law and Legislative Affairs**
**Department, D.K.S. Bhawan,**
**Raipur (C.G.)**
3. **The District & Sessions Judge,**
**Baster, Jagdalpur.**

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**WRIT PETITON UNDER ARTICLE 226/227 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA FOR ISSUANCE OF A SUITABLE WRIT, ORDER OR DIRECTION TO DO JUSTICE IN THE MATTER.**

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उच्च न्यायालय, छत्तीसगढ़, बिलासपुर

**मामला क्रमांक** W.P.3684/ **सन्** 2003

आदेश पत्रक (पूर्वानुबद्ध)

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**27.1.2005**

On a mention being made, the case is taken up for hearing.

Shri Indra Sen Sahu, counsel for the petitioner.

Shri Pramod Kumar Verma, Additional Advocate General for the State/respondents.

Heard both the counsel.

The petitioner has preferred this writ petition under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India, questioning the legality, propriety and correctness of the order dated 31.05.2003 (Annexure P-14) passed by respondent No.3.

Brief facts leading to filing of this petition are that the petitioner is practicing as Notary in District: Jagdalpur (Bastar). As her tenure of the certificate to practice as notary was expiring, therefore, the petitioner moved an application before the respondent/State for renewal of the said certificate and vide order dated 31.12.2003 her certificate was renewed for a period of three years as per the old law and provisions of sub-Section (2) of Section 5 of the Notaries Act, 1952. Whereas, the said provision stood amended by the Act 36 of 1999, whereby the period of three years was amended to five years w.e.f. 17.12.1999.

I have perused sub-Section (2) of Section 5 of the Notaries Act, 1952 which reads thus: -

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उच्च न्यायालय, छत्तीसगढ़, बिलासपुर

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"The government appointing the notary, may, on receipt of an application and the prescribed fee, renew the certificate of practice of any notary for a period of five years at a time."

Therefore, in view of the above provisions the petitioner's certificate to practice as Notary ought to have been renewed for a period of five years.

In the circumstances, the petitioner's petition deserves to be allowed. Accordingly, the petition is allowed and the respondents are directed to renew the petitioner's certificate for practicing as Notary for a period of five years instead of three years with effect from the original date from which she was entitled for renewal of the certificate.

In view of this order, M.(W.)P.No.3280/2003 and I.A. No.10415/2003 stand disposed of.

Parties are entitled for certified copy of this order.

Sd/-
L.C. Bhadoo
Judge

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